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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR BIDS ON INITIAL WORKS ON GREAT BELT BRIDGE

REFS: (A) COPENHAGEN 3768; (B) COPENHAGEN A-1

1. ON JULY 12 THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE GREAT BELT BRIDGE AUTHORITY (SSB), MR. O. BOLDSEN, OPENED BIDS ON TWO INITIAL PROJECTS RELATED TO THE GREAT BELT BRIDGE.

2. THE FIRST PROJECT IS A 1400 METER LONG EMBANKMENT AND HARBOR THAT EXTEND OUT INTO THE GREAT BELT. THE EMBANKMENT WILL BE USED AS A WORKING SITE AND FOR STORAGE. THE FOLLOWING SIX BIDS WERE RECEIVED (ALL PRICES IN DANISH KRONER):

ARMTON A/S: 104,900,000; CHRISTIANI AND NIELSEN A/S: 198,400,000; H. HOFFMAN AND SONNER A/S: 132,004,865; HOJGAARD AND SCHULTZ, KAMPSAX AND MONBERG AND THORSEN: 109,800,000; C. G. JENSEN A/S (A SUBSIDIARY OF SKAANSKA CEMENTGJUDERIET, SWEDEN) AND E. PIHL AND SON: 176,000,000; WRIGHT, THOMSEN AND KIER: 93,900,000.

2. THE SECOND PROJECT COVERS EQUIPMENT OF THE SITE ASHORE, INCLUDING SUCH THINGS AS ELECTRICITY AND WATER SUPPLY AND PARKING FACILITIES. THE FOLLOWING SIX BIDS WERE RECEIVED (ALL PRICES IN DANISH KRONER): ARMTON A/S: 27,000,000; H. HOFFMAN AND SONNER A/S: 32,000,000; HOJGAARD AND SCHULTZ, UNCLASSIFIED

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KAMPSAX AND MONBERG AND THORSEN: 30,000,000; C. G. JENSEN A/S: 24,000,000; AUG. JORGENSEN AND TROELSEN A/S: 26,000,000; WRIGHT, THOMSEN AND KIER: 28,000,000. SEVERAL ENTERPRISES FROM OTHER EEC COUNTRIES HAD RECEIVED REQUESTS FOR BIDS BUT ONLY THE ABOVE DANISH FIRMS BID.

3. THE SSB CANNOT SIGN ANY CONTRACTS BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1978.

A DANISH PARLIAMENT DECISION RESTRAINS THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION FROM INITIATING WORK OF ANY FINANCIAL IMPORTANCE ON THE BRIDGE BEFORE THEN.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH A POINT OF NO RETURN HAS NOT BEEN REACHED AS A RESULT OF THE ACTION DESCRIBED ABOVE, THE OPENING OF BIDS FOR TWO INITIAL BRIDGE PROJECTS WILL MAKE IT A LITTLE MORE DIFFICULT FOR THOSE OPPOSED TO CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE TO MAKE ANY HEADWAY. DEAN

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